

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-10 and 14-16 remain pending in the application and have been allowed.

Claims 1-5 and 16 are proposed to be amended herein to improve their scope. These changes were discussed with the Examiner in a telephone conversation on December 16, 2008. As discussed, support for the changes can be found in the specification, for example, at pages 25 and 29. The changes are not proposed to be made for any reasons related to patentability.

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amendment does not add new matter and does not affect the allowability of the application. The need for the proposed changes was only recently discovered and their entry would not place undue burden on the Patent and Trademark Office.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

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